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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Softball Canada would like to wish you all the best for the holiday season. Please be advised that our office will be closed on Tuesday, December 24th and will re-open on Thursday, January 2nd.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY

The 2013 Softball Canada Annual General Meeting was November 14-16 in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. Representatives from the Provincial and Territorial Associations attended the event, with excellent workshops and discussions on how to improve the sport throughout the country.

The three days of meetings began with a national and provincial/territorial staff forum, where Softball Canada staff gave national program updates throughout the morning followed by an afternoon discussion session around system alignment. The Board of Directors and Officiating Development Committee also held meetings, followed by a President's Reception.

Softball Canada President Kevin Quinn and Chief Executive Officer Hugh Mitchener got things going with an Opening Session the morning of Friday, November 15th where they discussed items arising from the International Softball Federation Congress held in October, in addition to updates on activities related to Softball Canada's Strategic Plan. The session concluded with an update on the success of the "My Game" Softball Canada Public Service Announcement (PSA) and the presentation of the new Softball Canada PSA that will also be distributed in multiple languages to television stations across the country in 2014.

Over the two following days, interactive workshops covered all areas of Softball Canada's operations, including the Future of Canadian Championships, Canada Games, Long Term Player Development Implementation Best Practices and Program Updates, and Technology. In addition, Randy Beatty from Rawlings Group Canada was on hand to educate delegates on the technology of softball equipment with the assistance of Tony Canelos from Home Run Sports. A Male Fastpitch workshop also took place to discuss the state of the men's game in Canada and it was announced that a committee has been formed to work on improving the program.

A lot of discussion took place surrounding a few motions proposed to Softball Canada's Special Operating rules, as well as the age category for the men's and women's softball competitions at the 2017 Canada Summer Games. In the end, Provincial and Territorial delegates agreed to work with Softball Canada to come up with resolutions about those topics in the following months.

At the Annual General Meeting, Kevin Quinn (Charlottetown, PEI) was acclaimed as President, as were four other members of Softball Canada's Board of Directors: Larry Gould (Burts Corner, NB), Robb Andison (Whitehorse, YK), Ryan DeBelser (Airdrie, AB) and Lynda Turton (Port Colborne, ON).



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At the Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet, Rachel Proctor (Surrey, BC) and Nicole Swett (Kelowna, BC) were announced as the recipients of the Ethel Boyce Achievement Award (\$1,000 bursary), while Jessica Raymond (Waterloo, ON) and Tom Fischer (Teeswater, ON) earned the Claude Deschamps Memorial Award (\$1,000 bursary). Softball Canada then presented the Home Run Sports Coach of the Year Award to Haylee O'Neill (Oakville, MB), the Home Run Sports Umpire of the Year Award to Brent Chadwick (Assiniboia, SK) and the Rose Hodgson Volunteer of the Year Award to Floyd Daniels (Hay River, NWT). Three inductees were then inducted to the Softball Canada Hall of Fame, including the late Jimm Barr (Official – Northwest Territories), Paul Gard (Builder – Northwest Territories) and Adam Smith (Athlete – Ontario). All of these inductees brought significant contributions at both the national and international level, and were very humbled by the presentations.

The Softball Canada Annual General Meeting in Yellowknife was very successful, and Softball Canada would like to thank everyone who contributed to that success, including the NWT Softball volunteers and staff, our Provincial/Territorial delegates, as well as the Board of Directors and staff of Softball Canada. Next year's Annual General Meeting will take place November 13-16, 2014 in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island as a part of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the 1864 Charlottetown Conference, where the idea of forming Canada as a country was proposed.

Softball Canada and Rawlings Group Canada Extend Partnership Through 2018



Softball Canada and Rawlings Group Canada – a subsidiary of the Jarden Corporation who administer the Worth, Rawlings and Miken Sporting Goods Brands in Canada – are extremely pleased to announce that they have extended their partnership agreement for another five year term. Rawlings Group Canada has been a major sponsor of Softball Canada since 2003, and has made an excellent commitment to helping grow the sport in Canada.

“We are delighted to be extending our agreement with Rawlings Group Canada for another five years” said Softball Canada CEO Hugh Mitchener. “The quality and scope of their product line, combined with their commitment to growing the game in Canada, make them a great partner for us.”

As part of the new agreement, Worth will continue to hold the exclusive rights to use the Official Softball Canada logo on all Worth softball models, and will continue to be recognized as the Official Softball of Softball Canada's Canadian Championships and National Teams. Rawlings Group Canada has also committed to increase their involvement to help further develop Softball Canada's programs.

“Worth, Rawlings and Miken are both proud and honoured to have extended our partnership with Softball Canada” stated Randy Beatty, General Manager of Rawlings Group Canada. “We value our working relationship with Softball Canada along with the Provincial and Territorial Softball Associations as well. We strive to keep challenging new and exciting growth opportunities together. This agreement solidifies the strength of our Canadian grassroots programs. We would like to wish all the best to Softball Canada and success to all of our National Team programs as they compete on the global stage for years to come.”

In addition to Worth's exclusive softball rights, the two parties will continue to explore additional opportunities to help promote the sport in Canada.

NATIONAL TEAMS



Softball Canada Announces 2014 Senior Men's National Team Athlete Pool

Softball Canada is pleased to announce the list of athletes who have been selected to the 2014 Senior Men's National Team Athlete Pool. In 2014, the Senior Men's National Team will compete at the Pan American Championship which will take place from October 25 to November 2, 2014 in Parana, Argentina.

The Pan American Championship will serve as a qualifier for the 2015 International Softball Federation (ISF) XIV Men's World Championship which will be held June 26 to July 5, 2015 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and also for the 2015 Pan American Games that will take place the following week in Toronto, Ontario.

Canada is the defending champion of the Pan American Championship, having defeated Venezuela 4-1 to win the Gold medal at the previous event held in Colombia in 2012.

"The Senior Men's National Team coaching staff are excited about our 40-man athlete pool" said Men's National Team Head Coach Don Bates. "Offensively, we have a good mix of speed, power, and on-base percentage. Defensively we are solid in the infield, outfield, behind the plate, and in the pitcher's circle. We have a number of young talented players who we feel will be challenging for starting positions."

The athletes who have been selected to the 2014 Canadian Senior Men's National Team Athlete Pool are:

The coaching staff reserves the right to add or remove athletes from this list at any time.

Bryan Abrey (Richmond, BC)	Blake Hunter (Nanaimo, BC)
Donnelly Archibald (Antigonish, NS)	Mark Johnson (Glencoe, ON)
Brian Banner (Sooke, BC)	Paul Koert (Brooklin, ON)
Ryan Boland (St. John's, NL)	Rowan Lam (Glencoe, ON)
Shane Boland (Goulds, NL)	Scott Lieph (Sooke, BC)
Sean Cleary (Harbour Main, NL)	Derek Mayson (North Vancouver, BC)
Justin Dauvin (Bruno, SK)	Devon McCullough (Saskatoon, SK)
Jeff Ellsworth (St. Lawrence, PEI)	Dan Mitchell (Paris, ON)
Trevor Ethier (Saskatoon, SK)	Steve Mullaley (Freshwater, NL)
Blair Ezekiel (Harbour Main, NL)	Brennan Pokoyoway (Saskatoon, SK)
Brad Ezekiel (Harbour Main, NL)	Mathieu Roy (St-Gervais, QC)
Jeff Farion (Saskatoon, SK)	Jason Sanford (Durham, NS)
Ian Fehrman (Townsend, ON)	Kevin Schellenberg (Squamish, BC)
Ryan French (Kitchener, ON)	Justin Schofield (Wolfville, NS)
Justin Gill (St. John's, NL)	Don Scott (Stratford, ON)
Matt Greer (Shawville, QC)	Andy Skelton (Scarborough, ON)
Mitch Hardy (Alberton, PEI)	Kris Walushka (Victoria, BC)
Jason Hill (St. John's, NL)	Sean Whitten (Calgary, AB)
Adam Hiller (Elmira, ON)	Ben Wideman (Elmira, ON)
Brandon Horn (Waterloo, ON)	Ryan Wolfe (Melbourne, ON)

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Softball Canada Announces 2014 Junior Men's Selection Camp Roster

Softball Canada is pleased to announce the list of athletes who have been named to the 2014 Junior Men's National Team Selection Camp Roster. These athletes will attend a Selection Camp from May 22-25, 2014 in Brampton, ON, with the final team going on to compete at the ISF Junior Men's World Championship from July 11-20, 2014 in Whitehorse, YK.

"I am very pleased with the top thirty-two selections for the Junior Men's National Team program" said Junior Men's National Team Head Coach Jim Jones. "Our coaching staff and our contacts throughout Canada have worked very hard to make our camp in May as competitive as possible."

Canada finished fourth at the previous ISF Junior Men's World Championship held in Parana, Argentina in 2012, with Argentina winning Gold, Japan taking Silver and Australia with Bronze. The event was held in Whitehorse in 2008, when Canada lost 2-1 in eight innings to Australia in the Gold medal game to win the Silver medal.

"We have had to make some very difficult decisions to get to this point and anticipate some even more difficult decisions to get to our top seventeen" added Jones. "It is imperative that each player understands the caliber of the top six teams in the ISF World Championship and commits to compete for a spot on Team Canada. Those players that are training now and plan to continue to do so leading up to the camp in May will have the best chance of making Team Canada and help bring home a Gold medal."

The athletes who have been named to the 2014 Junior Men's National Team Selection Camp Roster are:

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Alex Anthony (Shubenacadie, NS)	Zachary MacKay (Irma, AB)
Johnathan Baker (Kitchener, ON)	Layne O'Halloran (Port Perry, ON)
Taylor Barber (Saskatoon, SK)	Tyler Pauli (Mitchell, ON)
Samuel Bédard-Desmarais (Nicolet, QC)	Nick Penner (New Hamburg, ON)
Branden Blunt (Napanee, ON)	Curtis Piecowye (Saskatoon, SK)
Justin Boyer (St. Louis, SK)	Matthew Pilon (Duck Lake, SK)
Quinten Bruce (Grand Valley, ON)	Tyler Randerson (New Hamburg, ON)
Brendon Donegan (Agassiz, BC)	François-Charles René (St-Léonard-d'Aston, QC)
Brent Eby (Waterloo, ON)	Taylor Schubada (Irma, AB)
Josh Elliot (Prince Albert, SK)	Jeffrey St. Pierre (Port Perry, ON)
Justin Ganie (Irma, AB)	Dylan Taylor (Grand Valley, ON)
Brendan Hall (Orton, ON)	Marc-André Villeneuve (St-Léonard-d'Aston, QC)
Eric Healey (Chapels Cove, NL)	Matt Wardrop (Owen Sound, ON)
Travis Hyde (Tavistock, ON)	Jared Weishar (Teeswater, ON)
Anthony Lapierre (St-Gervais, QC)	Haaken Zatterberg (Napanee, ON)
Alexandre Lemieux (St-Gervais, QC)	Tyson Zehr (Tavistock, ON)

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FEATURED WORTH BALL



The Worth 12" Red Dot is the Official Ball of Softball Canada's Women's Canadian Fast Pitch Championships (U14, U16, U18, U21 and Senior categories). The 12" Red Dot has 88 stitches and a Pro Leather cover. This ball is recommended for league play for all female categories above the age of 12.

UMPIRING

Chinese Food, Culture and Softball - A Great Combination

By: Lou Davis, Nova Scotia

Having an opportunity to represent our softball program is always a privilege, add to that, a trip to China makes the experience that much more rewarding. This marked the beginning of a wonderful opportunity to travel, expand my knowledge of other cultures and above all share my knowledge and experience that has been provided to me through Softball Canada's officiating program.

The Chinese National Games are held every four years. This event encompasses all sports and is highly regarded as the Olympics for the Chinese athletes. In recent years, these games have become so important that some sports have requested that officials from the United States and Canada be invited to help complement the local umpires. The sport of baseball has Major League Baseball umpires work these games. In March, ODC member Bonnie Gostola went to China to officiate their regional championship to determine the six teams that would participate in the XII Chinese National Games. Bonnie was accompanied by John Wright from the state of Washington.

My partner from the United States was Linda Hoover from Michigan. Linda is a highly respected umpire with the NCAA and has worked the World Series four times. She also represented the United States at the Junior Women Worlds.

From the time that we arrived, we were treated like celebrities. We signed autographs, had hundreds of pictures taken and each of us was granted a TV interview with the National Sports Television Network. Out of the 19 games played, Linda and I worked 16 of them on the plate. The facility was totally renovated with the entire outfield being artificial turf. The ground's crew was phenomenal, including a stoppage of play at the bottom of the fourth inning to re-groom and re-line the field.

The Chinese players and coaches are very respectful of the game and the officials. Each player would bow to the home plate umpire each time, before entering the batter's box. The local umpires were eager to watch and learn. Several umpires were assigned off-field duties, such as, recording plays that were made and the position of the umpires making the call. Each evening, we would have a meeting whereby, Linda and I would be asked to provide feedback on the crews we had worked with that day.

The Chinese umpires, in general, were quiet in their approach to the game. In situations that required more emphasis, they were almost timid in making their calls. Many umpires asked me to demonstrate my "called third strike mechanic" or my "punch out" on a close call. The umpire-in-chief would remind them every day to watch Linda and me during our games.

The hospitality provided to us was amazing. Each night we were taken to a local restaurant and provided a wonderful meal. They were eager and proud to share their culture and cuisine. Each day we were chauffeured to and from the ball park by car with a police escort. Police would line the route and stop traffic to allow us to proceed through red lights. This made the 45 minute trip to the park to be under 20 minutes. The other umpires were transported by bus.

This opportunity was provided to us by the Chinese Softball Association. They covered all expenses for our trip. I purchased an additional bag to transport home the many gifts I received. I returned home with many new friends and colleagues and an experience I will not soon forget.

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COACHING

2014 International Softball Coaches Symposium – Save the Date!

Softball Canada and Softball Ontario are pleased to announce that the 2014 International Softball Coaches Symposium will be held from Friday, February 21 to Sunday, February 23, 2014 in Mississauga, Ontario. Our goal is to provide you, the Coach, with the most up to date training and instructional techniques presented by some of the world's leading international coaches to raise the level of softball knowledge among softball coaches across Canada. The International Softball Coaches Symposium also provides you with an opportunity to interact with coaches from across the country.



Details for the symposium are being finalized. However, we are excited to announce two of the keynote speakers for the symposium will be:

- Cindy Bristow (Owner of Softball Excellence, (www.softballexcellence.com) a company devoted to online Softball Instruction for coaches, players and parents.



- Mark Smith (Senior Women's National Team Head Coach)

More information will be provided as details are confirmed.



If you would like to be placed on an email distribution list for updates about the 2014 ISCS, please contact Lise Jubinville at Softball Canada (ljubinville@softball.ca or 613-523-3386, x-3108).

Five New Members Appointed to Softball Canada's Coaching Committee

Softball Canada is pleased to announce the appointment of five (5) new committee members to the Coaching Development Committee. A call for applications in October produced a list of strong candidates to assist with the work of the committee.

Mike Renney:

- Head Coach at Simon Fraser University (Surrey, BC)
- Former Senior Women's National Team Coach (Head Coach - 2004 Olympics, Assistant Coach – 2000 and 1996 Olympics)
- Former Associate Director – Athletics at Simon Fraser University
- Past Master Course Conductor in old NCCP



Tony Foti

- Assistant Coach at Middle Tennessee State University (Murfreesboro, TN)
- Former Head Coach of Junior Women's National Team (2008-2012)
- Italian Professional Softball League



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- Director of Softball Operations
- General Manager Professional Team
- Head Coach Professional Team
- Past Master Course Conductor in old NCCP

Mark Loehndorf

- Competition – Introduction Learning Facilitator
- Teacher and Counselor
 - Physical Education and History
- Over 35 years of coaching experience in a variety of sports (softball, football, wrestling, soccer) at all age categories and levels.
- Host Committee Member for 3 International Events- including the 2009 ISF Men's Worlds, 3 National Championships and a Western Canadian Championship as well as many City and Provincial Championships

Mark Quinn

- Teacher with experience in curriculum design and Information Communication and Technology
- PEI's Master Learning Facilitator (in-training)
 - Competition – Introduction Learning Facilitator
- Master of Education
- Head Coach of PEI's U16 Provincial Girls Softball team
- Pitching Coach for PEI's 2013 Canada Summer Games Women's Team

Gord Collings

- Head Softball Coach at the University of British Columbia
- Head Coach of Team BC at the Western Canada Summer Games in 2011 (Gold Medal)
- Head Coach of Team BC at the Canada Summer Games in 2013 (Gold Medal)
- Retired Secondary School Principal
- Over 37 years coaching various sports including Softball, Basketball, Golf, Volleyball, Track and Field, Soccer and Hockey



2013 Sport Leadership Presentations

To browse and download presentations from the 2013 Petro-Canada Sport Leadership sportif conference held in Calgary, AB, click [here](#)

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LONG-TERM PLAYER DEVELOPMENT (LTPD)

2014 Canadian Sport for Life National Summit

The 2014 Canadian Sport for Life National Summit will be taking place January 29 & 30, 2014 at the Hilton Lac-Leamy in Gatineau, Quebec.

Keynote Presenters:

- Gil Favreau, Director of Social Action and Community Relations, Cirque du Soleil
- Patrice Aubertin, Director of Research and Teacher Training Programs, National Circus School
- Frédéric Loiselle, Occupational Therapist, Centre de réadaptation Lucie Bruneau

Featured Summit Speakers include:

- Colin Higgs, CS4L
- Dean Kriellaars, University of Manitoba
- Istvan Balyi, CS4L
- Vanessa Paun, Own The Podium
- Peter Montopoli, Canadian Soccer Association
- Monika Schloder, InMotion Network
- Ian Mendes, Bell Media

In addition to a full program of keynote, individual and panel presentations, the following Pre-Summit Workshops & Mini-Summits will be offered on January 28th:

Morning:

- Physical Literacy 101: From Research to Practice Mini-Summit
- Building the Train to Train Athlete Mini-Summit
- Athlete Preparation Skills Matrix Mini-Summit

Afternoon:

- Physical Literacy Assessment for Youth (PLAY) Workshop
- Are We There Yet? A GPS for CS4L-LTAD Mini-Summit
- Periodization Mini-Summit
- Révision du système de compétitions et de la restructuration (in French)

Full Day:

- Competition Review & Restructuring Mini-Summit
- Sport for Development Workshop

The detailed program lineup is available to view online, please visit the CS4L website (www.canadiansportforlife.ca) for details and to register.

For those who are not able to attend, copies of presentations from the summit will be posted on the CS4L web site shortly after the summit under "View Resources" on the menu.

Full-time contract position available February 18, 2014 for a Domestic Programs Manager (One year maternity leave contract)

Softball Canada, the national sport governing body for Fast Pitch, Slo-Pitch and Orthodox softball is seeking a dynamic individual to fill a one year maternity leave position where the individual will assist in the continued development and roll-out of a variety of programming areas. This is a full-time position working with and reporting to Softball Canada's CEO and Board of Directors.

Key areas of responsibility include but are not limited to:

- Assisting in the continued development and roll-out of the following programs:
 - o Learn to Play program
 - o CANpitch program
 - o Triple Play program
 - o SAFE Star program
 - o Other programs as developed
- Providing administrative support and assistance to the Triple Play, Learn To Play and CANpitch committees and working groups
- Other duties as assigned

The successful candidate will ideally possess:

- A post secondary degree in sport administration, or equivalent area of study
- Proven administrative skills managing a variety of projects
- Familiarity with Long-Term Player Development principles and delivery of associated programming
- Excellent computer skills (Microsoft Office 2007)
- Outstanding communication skills (written and verbal). Bilingualism (English/French) is strongly valued in this position
- Excellent social media and website content management skills
- Experience working with volunteers and boards
- Knowledge of softball is an asset

This position is based in the Softball Canada office in Ottawa, ON. A competitive compensation package will be offered. Interested candidates are asked to submit their applications by mail, email or fax with cover letter and salary expectations by January 10th, 2014 to:

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LEARN TO PLAY

Battling the Cold with some indoor Softball!!

By: Jacqueline Eiwanger

SOFTBALL SASKATCHEWAN'S BLAST-BALL PROGRAM IS AS STRONG AS EVER!



This past spring never appeared due to all the snow we had, and it wasn't going anywhere in April! On all our minds was "Would we even have a softball season this year?". With this dilemma, some of our leagues decided that they would get started indoors. They had a lot of eager new players and wanted to keep their momentum from playing BlastBall in the school, to improve their skills by working with instructors from our U18 players. The indoor clinics were a success and mother-nature didn't disappoint us by finally bringing sunshine in mid-May.

Softball Saskatchewan's introduction to BlastBall is back again to all elementary schools around the province. This is the time of year when Softball Saskatchewan sends out numerous letters to schools all across our province to introduce them to our wonderful "FREE" BlastBall Program and invite them to request a loaner kit and instructor. This year we have added the Active Softball Program to the kits so that the whole school can experience what a great sport Softball is!! We have been providing this program for 9 years now and it's very exciting to see it grow every year, and that we can provide them with more resources (posters and active softball game)!

This past year we loaned out 15 BlastBall loaner kits to rural Saskatchewan. From those 10 schools we had 50 teachers, 1068 girls and 1074 boys participate in the program. Our urban numbers were fantastic this year with instructors getting out to 41 schools – 101 teachers, 2395 girls and 2385 boys.

We offer the BlastBall program from January to May – so that the kids can jump right into their local Learn to Play Program!! Once again we had several leagues ask us for our LTP orientation for coaches/parents. We were able to offer this 3 hour orientation free of charge to any of our members that wanted it. We had 7 orientations all across our province with 142 coaches/parents taking part.

As everyone knows – Softball is on the rise in Saskatchewan!!

Jacqueline Eiwanger is the Technical Director of Softball Saskatchewan. If you would like more information about softball in Saskatchewan, go to www.softball.sk.ca or contact Jacqueline at jac@softball.sk.ca

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FUTURE CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

2014

U14 Girl's Jamboree	White Rock, BC	Aug. 6-10
U16 Girl's	Brampton, ON	Aug. 13-17
U16 Boy's	Fredericton, NB	Aug. 6-10
U18 Women's	Saskatoon, SK	Aug. 4-10
U18 Men's	Gander, NL	Aug. 5-10
U21 Women's	Montreal, QC	Aug. 13-17
U21 Men's	Irma, AB	Aug. 11-17
Senior Women's	Open	TBD
Senior Men's	Charlottetown, PEI	Aug. 26-31
Senior Men's and Women's SP	Fort McMurray, AB	Men: Aug. 10-16 Women: Aug. 12-16

If you are interested in bidding on any of the open Championships, please contact Mike Branchaud, Manager of National Teams and Canadian Championships, at mbranchaud@softball.ca or 613-523-3386 ext 3103. Please note that all bids must be approved by your local Provincial/Territorial office.

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Start date: _____ **End date:** _____

Are you affiliated with your Provincial/Territorial Association? YES / NO

Please send completed form to Mike Branchaud (mbranchaud@softball.ca)
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- Board and Provincial/Territorial Liaison
- Strategic and Operational Planning
- Financial Management
- Policy Development
- Liaison with external funding partners (Sport Canada, COC)
- International Liaison and Hosting

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- Publications

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- Accounts receivables/payables
- Tax receipts
- National Teams financial reporting to external funding bodies
- Annual General Meeting organization

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- National Teams
- Canadian Championships
- Slo-Pitch
- University/College initiatives
- Technical standards

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- Revenue Generation
- Sponsor/Supplier liaison
- Development of promotional programs
- Media Relations
- Web site
- Hall of Fame and awards
- Ball Approval Program
- Canada Summer Games/Male Equivalent

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- Learn to Play
- Player Development
- CANpitch
- Adapted softball (Wheelchair, Blind, Special Olympics)
- Future initiatives
- Competition Review follow up, National implementation and associated rule changes

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- Women's National Teams

Administrative Assistant – Melissa MacKinnon

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- Receptionist and administrative duties
- Resource orders
- Membership database and event registration
- Logistical support for meetings
- Assist in the development of resource materials



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